



# KEY NOTES

e-newsletter of the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission

Feb. 17, 2011

## U.S. Mint engravers tour Baltimore



Fort McHenry's Chief of Interpretation Vince Vaise (left) tells the story of the Battle of Baltimore to the U.S. Mint representatives.

Five engravers from the U.S. Mint who will design the [Star-Spangled Banner commemorative coin](#) came to Baltimore, Feb. 15, to become familiar with locations connected to the War of 1812's Battle of Baltimore. The group toured the [Maryland Historical Society](#), [Star-Spangled Banner Flag House](#), [Fells Point Visitor Center](#), [Patterson Park](#), and [Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine](#).

Sales of the coin, which will be available in Jan. 2012, will provide up to \$8.5 million in matching funds to the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission. Federal law calls for a maximum of 500,000 \$1 silver coins and 100,000 \$5 gold coins to be issued.

## U.S. preservation program names Barracks for award

Efforts to preserve the [Hessian Barracks](#) in Frederick, likely built during the French and Indian War, have received a significant boost with the receipt of a grant for nearly \$260,000 from the [Save America's Treasures](#) program. The National Park Service and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities announced on Feb. 1 that 60 sites across the nation were to receive a total of \$14.3 million in

### In this Issue

[U.S. Mint engravers tour Baltimore](#)

[U.S. preservation program names Barracks for award](#)

[New director takes helm of archaeology museum](#)

[Md. filmmakers shoot 1812 documentary in England](#)

[Bicentennial resources available online](#)

[Party like a sailor at Fell's Point gala](#)

[Featured Site -Point Lookout](#)

### Upcoming Events

[Hands and Hearts in Abundance](#)  
[1814's Defense of Baltimore](#)  
Feb. 17, 2011

[Star-Spangled Archaeology](#)  
[Commemorating the War of 1812 through Maritime Archaeology](#)  
Feb. 18, 2011

[Preparing for the Ball: 19th-Century Skills and Etiquette](#)  
Feb. 22, Mar. 1, Mar. 8, 2011

[Dedication of the New Visitor Center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine](#)  
Mar. 3, 2011

### Recent News

awards. Hessian Barracks was the only site in Maryland to receive an award.

The barracks are located on the campus of the Maryland School for the Deaf. During the War of 1812, the facility housed American troops and may have held British prisoners of war from the Battle of Bladensburg. The Save America's Treasures award will help repair the supporting structure of the barracks' roof.

---

## New director takes helm of archaeology museum

[Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum](#) (JPPM), the state's museum of archaeology, has named Mark Thompson as its director. Thompson was a regional director of the Maine Maritime Museum. He replaces Michael Smolek, who retired as JPPM director last June after 14 years in that position. The museum is located on 560 acres along the Patuxent River in Calvert County. It houses the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory, which has more than 8 million artifacts. JPPM is also on the site of the 1814 Battle of St. Leonard Creek.

---

## Md. filmmakers shoot 1812 documentary in England

Representatives of [Colonial Music Institute](#) and [Make Your Mark Media](#) recently traveled to England to gather footage for Anthem, a documentary film they are making about the Star-Spangled Banner and the music of the War of 1812. David Hildebrand and Mark Hildebrand, along with historian Ralph Eshelman, interviewed members of the Britannia Naval Research Association and visited Oxford University, Sulgrave Manor (ancestral home of George Washington's family), the naval yards at Plymouth and Chesapeake Mill in Wickham. A report of the trip is available [online](#).

---

## Bicentennial resources available online

The Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission has compiled a list of resources for planners of bicentennial activities and programs. A new [event-planning calendar](#) and a list of prospective federal, state and private [funding sources](#) are also available on the commission's site. Call or [e-mail](#) Kate Marks, 410-767-6974, to place events on the calendar.

Other resources are available on the Commission's [website](#). Here are some of the resources for cultural programs:

- Actress Mary Ann Jung portrays [Rosalie Calvert of Riversdale](#) at the times of: the Battle of Bladensburg, the burning of Washington, D.C., and the birth of the Star-Spangled Banner.
- [Cecil County Heritage Troupe](#) presents living-history performances of the War of 1812 era, including depictions of Kitty Knight and Judge Sample.
- Information about military re-enactments is available on the [War of 1812 in the Chesapeake Region](#) web site.
- Colonial Music Institute's new web site, [www.1812music.org](#), features 30

[Brookeville prepares to take center stage during War of 1812 commemoration](#), *Gazette.net*, Jan. 26, 2011

[Md. tourism office set for slight budget hike](#), *Baltimore Business Journal*, Jan. 21, 2011

Read more [news](#).

## Upcoming Grant Deadlines

### Feb. 23, 2011

National Endowment for the Humanities

[Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants](#)

### Mar. 1, 2011

Institute of Museum and Library Services

[Native American Library Services](#)

National Endowment for the Humanities

[Workshops for Community College Faculty](#)

[Workshops for School Teachers](#)

National Endowment for the Arts  
[Our Town \(Statement of Interest\)](#)

Maryland Humanities Council  
[Opportunity Grants](#)  
[Major Grants \(letters of inquiry\)](#)

Maryland State Highway Administration  
[Transportation Enhancement Program](#)

Tourism Cares for Tomorrow  
[Worldwide Grant Program](#)

### Mar. 3, 2011

National Archives National Historical Publications and Records Commission  
[Publication Subventions](#)

### Mar. 11, 2011

National Endowment for the Arts

pieces of music.

- [Fort McHenry Guard Fife and Drum](#)'s web site has samples and links to War of 1812 music.
- [Silhouettes By Hand](#) offers an early-American portrait style of artwork.

---

## Party like a sailor at Fell's Point Gala



An annual fundraising celebration to help preserve an historically-significant building in the Fell's Point section of Baltimore will be held Saturday, March 19 at Thames Street Wharf. Purchase tickets for the [2011 Harbor Ball](#) online, or at the Fell's Point Visitors Center.

---

## Featured Site

### Point Lookout



Located on a peninsula at the southern tip of St. Mary's County, [Point Lookout](#) was a staging area for local militia during the early summer of 1813. Later that summer, it became a temporary base for nearly 3,000 British troops who invaded the county. During the Civil War, the Union army used Point Lookout as a prisoner-of-war camp. Today, this area by the

Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River is a Maryland state park.

---

Key Notes is the monthly e-newsletter of the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission. Send information about your bicentennial planning efforts to [Kate Marks](#) for inclusion in future issues.

PDF files of previous issues of Key Notes are available on the Commission's [web site](#).

### [Grants for Art Projects: Art Works](#)

**Mar. 15, 2011**

Institute of Museum and Library Services

[21st Century Museum Professionals](#)

## Links



[Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission](#)



[Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail](#)



[Baltimore National Heritage Area](#)

[Eastern Shore 1812 Consortium](#)

[Historic Prince George's](#)

[Battle of Bladensburg](#)

---

Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission  
Office of Tourism Development | Maryland Department of Business & Economic Development  
401 East Pratt Street, 14th Floor  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

410-767-6974 | [www.starspangled200.org](http://www.starspangled200.org) | [info@starspangled200.org](mailto:info@starspangled200.org)

